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SUBJ: ECE-SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 28998; GENEVA 0459

1. BISHOP INFORMS US THAT SECRETARIAT STILL ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE INFORMAL PAPER PROVIDING FOCUS FOR DEBATE ON WATER RESOURCES. THIS ITEM DIFFERS FROM ITEMS ON AIR POLLUTION AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY SINCE SENIOR ADVISERS HAVE PROGRAMS UNDERWAY IN THOSE AREAS WHEREAS ROLE IN RELATION TO WATER RESOURCES REMAINS TO BE DEFINED. SECRETARTIAT HOPES DISCUSSION WILL LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND DEFINITION OF THIS ROLE AND THAT SPECIFIC ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS WILL EMERGE.

2. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT SENIOR ADVISERS CAN MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION IN CONSIDERING LONG-RANGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF WATER QUALITY, COMPLEMENTING WORK OF COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS WHICH DEALS WITH PRACTICAL, SHORT-RANGE PROBLEMS. SECRETARIAT HOPES THAT CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN SENIOR ADVISERS AND COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES NAD COMPETENCES. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS (VOLKER) WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS ITEM AND PROVIDE

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FULL DETAILS ON WORK PROGRAM OF THAT COMMITTEE.

3. VIEWS EXPRESSED STATE REFTTEL THEREFORE COMPLETELY
IN HARMONY WITH THOSE OF SECRETARIAT.

4. ECE COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH UN WATER CONFERENCE.
THROUGH COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS, ECE WILL PROVIDE
TO CONFERENCE COUNTRY MONOGRAPH ON STATUS AND TRENDS OF
WATER QUALITY IN THE GION; ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR
WASTE WATER TREATMENT; AND REPORT OF 1976 SEMINAR ON
LONG-TERM PLANNING OF WATER MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION,
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ECE WITH
SERVICES OF CONSULTANT FOR 3-4 MONTHS TO ASSIST IN
PREPARING SECRETARIAT INPUT INTO ACTION PLAN.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS SECRETARIAT FOR ADDITIONAL
BACKGROUND ON WATER RESOURCES ITEM. DALE

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